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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW

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RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Choice and Prime slaughter steers sold steady to 50¢ lower at most midwest terminals with Standard and Good 25¢-\$1.00 off. Slaughter heifers were generally steady to 50¢ lower with some Standard to low-Choice 75¢-\$1.50 off. Downturns in the carlot beef trade influenced the declines. Slaughter cows were steady to 50¢ lower. Feeder cattle and calves were steady to 50¢ lower at most centers. Barrows and gilts closed steady to 25¢ higher over most of the Corn Belt with sales steady to 50¢ higher at Omaha and 50¢ higher at St. Paul. Sows were steady to 25¢ higher. Slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ lower for the week.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Prices for slaughter steers and heifers declined at nearly all of the terminal markets and the general downturn was the sharpest for any week since last June. Uneven distribution of receipts and lower dressed meat prices attributed to the downturn. Choice and Prime slaughter steers sold steady to 50¢ lower, other grades 25¢-\$1.00 lower. Heifers were steady to 50¢ lower; some Standard to low-Choice 75¢-\$1.50 lower. Cows closed steady to 50¢ lower, bulls steady to \$1.00 lower. Vealers steady, except St. Louis one of the leading centers \$1.00-3.00 lower. Receipts at the 12 leading markets totaled 210,000, little changed from a week or a year ago. The number of slaughter steers and heifers sold out of first hands at the 7 markets numbered 107,564 compared with 117,045 the previous week and 116,754 a year earlier. Good and low-Choice continued to make up a big end of the supply and were the most difficult to move.

Slaughter steers: High-Choice and Prime 1100-1500# at Chicago \$26.75-28.25, bulk on the close stopping at \$27.75; most Choice \$25.00-26.50, Good \$22.25-24.50. At other midwest terminals a few high-Choice and Prime \$26.25-27.50, mostly \$26.25-26.75, Choice bulked \$24.50-26.00, Good \$21.50-24.25.

Slaughter heifers: High-Choice and Prime \$26.00-26.50, Choice bulked at \$24.25-25.75 and to \$26.00 at Chicago and St. Paul, most Good \$21.25-24.00.

Slaughter cows: Utility and Commercial largely \$14.00-15.50, Canner and Cutter \$11.00-14.00.

FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Price trends and degree of trading activity at the different terminal markets varied considerably on seasonally moderate supplies of feeder cattle and calves. During much of the past month and a half either extremely adverse weather or snow and ice or muddy conditions in the wake of rain and snow storms have created problems in feeding, caring and handling of cattle which varied in intensity from one area to another. This was reflected in an uneven demand in recent past weeks as a result of which price levels

between markets at times were somewhat more out of line than usually is the case. At Sioux City and Omaha during the week in review prices were steady to strong; other midwest markets steady to 50¢ lower; Fort Worth and Oklahoma City strong to 50¢ higher; Denver steady to weak. Although considerable unevenness existed, buyers generally were inclined to go cautiously in the face of recent downturns in slaughter cattle prices.

Feeder steers: Bulk Good and Choice 800-1050# \$21.00-23.50; few Choice 800-850# \$24.00-24.25 while Choice partly fattened 1090# sold at \$23.25. Medium and mixed Medium and Good 800-1000# \$18.50-21.50. Good and Choice 550-750# sold largely from \$22.00-26.00, few loads Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 600# \$27.50-28.00. Medium 550-700# ranged \$18.00-22.50.

Feeder heifers: Choice 520# brought \$26.50; few loads Choice 600-750# \$24.50-25.00, bulk Good and Choice 550-750# \$20.00-24.00; Good, fleshy 735# included at \$22.00.

Feeder calves: Occasional shipments Choice and Choice and Fancy steers \$30.50-32.75, one load 349# \$35.00; other Good and Choice 300-550# \$24.00-30.00; Choice 450-500# included at \$28.25-29.00. Good and Choice 300-500# heifers largely \$22.00-26.50, few Choice \$27.00-28.60, load Choice and Fancy 311# \$31.00.

HOGS - Terminal markets - Alternating higher and lower price trends were the feature of this week's hog trade. At the week's opening, sales were generally higher on the basis of reduced supplies. However, late week marketings were fairly liberal and part of the advance was erased. Barrows and gilts finished the week steady to 25¢ higher at most western Corn Belt markets with sales steady to 50¢ higher at Omaha and 50¢ up at St. Paul. In the eastern part of the area butchers were largely steady. Price trends on sows were relatively uniform around the circuit with sales steady to 25¢ higher. Receipts at the 12 markets at 322,000 head were 7 percent less than the previous week but 14 percent above the corresponding week a year ago. The average weight of barrows and gilts at the 8 markets was 233#, the same as the previous week and was 1# above a year ago. Sows comprised 8 percent of the run at the 8 markets.

Barrows and gilts: No. 1-2, 180-240# closed at \$17.25-17.75; No. 1-3, 180-250# mostly \$16.75-17.25 and up to \$17.75 at Omaha and in the eastern part of the Corn Belt.

Sows: No. 1-3, 270-400# \$14.50-15.75, mainly \$14.50-15.25; No. 2-3, 400-550# \$13.50-15.00.

Feeder pigs at Sioux City remained scarce without an adequate price test. A small volume at St. Paul was steady, with Choice 130-150# selling mostly at \$15.50, few shipments \$16.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S.

No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 94¢ per cwt based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago January 25 to January 31, 1962 inclusive.

Hogs - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts for the week totaled 354,000 head, compared to 333,000 the previous week and 278,000 a year ago. Price advances on Monday were partially erased on later sessions and barrows and gilts closed steady to 15¢ higher than the previous Friday. Sows were 25¢ higher and comprised around 6 percent of total receipts.

Barrows and gilts: Most No. 1-3 200-240# \$16.35-17.00, No. 1 and 2, 200-230# \$16.75-17.25.

Sows: No. 1-3, 270-400# \$14.00-15.25, No. 2-3, 400-550# \$12.35-14.00.

Hogs - Interior Illinois - Receipts totaled 102,200 compared with 86,800 the previous week and 100,200 a year ago. Prices fluctuated throughout period. Barrows and gilts weighing 190-230# closed steady to 15¢ lower for the week with weights over 230# steady to 25¢ lower. Sows were steady to 25¢ higher.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday U. S. 1-3, 190-230# \$16.50-17.00, few 200-220# \$17.10-17.25. No. 1-3, 230-250# \$15.75-16.50.

Sows: U. S. 1-3, 250-400# \$13.25-15.25, No. 2-3, 400-500# \$12.25-13.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 terminals numbered 108,000 head, little changed from the previous week but 8 percent over last year. Fairly broad marketings of slaughter lambs in combination with a lower dressed lamb trade influenced steady to 50¢ lower trends on slaughter lambs. Slaughter ewes were steady to strong. Limited numbers of feeder lambs met fairly good demand and were mainly steady aside from 25¢ higher at Denver and strong to 50¢ up at Fort Worth. Woolled slaughter lambs usually comprised 60-90 percent of receipts at terminals.

Slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 80-113# woolled early \$17.00-18.00, few shipments \$18.25-18.75 but closing levels \$16.50-17.50. Choice and Prime 115-125# \$15.75-17.00. Good and Choice 78-110# closed at \$15.50-17.00. Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 84-110# shorn No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$16.00-17.00, few shipments fall shorn pelts \$17.25; three decks Choice and Prime 94-103# lambs with fall shorn pelts \$17.50-17.75 at Chicago. Good and Choice 79-108# mainly \$15.50-16.50.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good woolled \$3.00-8.25.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 62-94# woolled \$15.50-17.00, few 65-80# reached \$17.25; most Good and Choice 60-80# \$13.00-16.50.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area numbered 27,700 head compared to 25,200 a week ago and 23,600 last year.

Slaughter lambs closed steady to 50¢ lower. Slaughter ewes were steady. A need for numbers on late sessions stimulated demand and part of the earlier price declines were recovered.

Woolled slaughter lambs comprised around 85 percent of receipts.

Slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 90-110# woolled \$16.50-17.25 including a large share at \$17.00; Good and low-Choice \$16.00-16.75. Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 85-110# shorn No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$16.00-16.50, Good and low-Choice \$15.00-16.00.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good woolled \$2.00-4.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trading on slaughter steers and heifers rather slow, steady to weak, instances 25¢ lower. Delivery dates ranging up to early March. Country transactions on feeder cattle limited with few sales steady. Slaughter lambs about steady in California but trade at a stand-still in intermountain area with prices untested.

Slaughter steers: California, Arizona and Nevada, 1,650 Choice 925-1200# \$26.50-27.00, those above \$26.50 in California; 9,800 mostly Choice, end of Good 800-1250# \$25.40-26.35; 3,350 mostly Good 850-1150# \$24.00-25.40; 1,250 Standard with end of Good 800-1200# \$22.75-23.75.

Slaughter heifers: California, 310 Choice 925-950# \$25.75. California and Arizona, 800 Good to Choice 800-950# \$25.00-25.50; 400 Good and Choice 800-900# \$24.25-24.50. Utah, 40 high-Good and Choice 1000-1025# \$24.00-24.25.

Feeder cattle and calves: Steers, 200 Choice and Fancy 400# \$29.00; 70 Choice 500# \$27.00; 1,080 mostly Choice 580-600# \$25.00-26.00; 120 Good and Choice 600# \$24.00; 1,300 Good and Choice 800# \$24.75; 116 Good 700# \$23.50; 686 Medium and Good 700-850# \$22.00-22.90. Heifers, 270 Good and Choice 550# \$23.25; 85 Choice 750# \$23.00.

Slaughter lambs: California, Imperial Valley, 16,530 mostly Choice 105-110# shorn No. 1 pelt \$17.50; in northern sector, 350 Choice and Prime 110# fall shorn to full woolled pelts \$18.00, 5 percent shrink; 300 Choice and Prime 105# \$18.00 guaranteed 50 percent yield. Arizona, 3,600 Choice and Prime 103-105# shorn No. 1 pelts \$17.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at feedlots only moderately active as the demand was rather poor and with feedlots extremely muddy numerous operators were reluctant to offer cattle since they are carrying excessive tags. Slaughter steers sold 50-75¢ lower, heifers 25-50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Sales were confirmed on 3,100 head. Colorado, early in the week average to high-Choice 1100-1250# \$26.50-26.75,

but late sales mostly \$26.00-26.25; high-Good to mostly Choice 1100-1350# \$25.00-26.00. Several loads sold on a dressed basis yielding 600-800# carcasses at \$40.00 for mixed Good and Choice, also some Choice at \$41.00 and Good at \$39.00.

Slaughter heifers: Sales confirmed on 2,650 head. Colorado, Choice 850-1025# \$25.50-26.00, few loads early in the week \$26.25; high-Good and low-Choice \$24.50-25.25. Western Nebraska, Choice 935-975# \$25.50-25.75.

Slaughter lambs: Prices fully steady. Sales confirmed on 20,000 head. Colorado, Choice and Prime 100-110# woolled \$17.75-18.00, several loads \$18.25. Few loads mostly Choice \$17.00. Western Kansas, Choice and Prime 98-107# \$17.50-17.75, few \$18.00. Choice and Prime fall shorn \$16.50-16.75.

Feeder cattle: Contracts confirmed on 3,875 head for late March early April delivery. Western Kansas, Choice 650-750# steers \$23.50-24.50, few Good and Choice 700-910# \$22.00-23.25. Choice 575-625# heifers \$23.00-23.50. Colorado, 2 loads mostly Choice 465# steer calves \$26.75.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Trading on slaughter cattle slow, scarcity of high-Good and Choice offerings in area feedlots major factor: steers weak to 50¢ lower, heifers steady to 25¢ lower. Feeder classes active, considerable contracting for March and April and some for fall delivery. Price trend firm.

Slaughter steers: 65 Good and Choice 1020# \$25.00; 270 mostly Good 1000-1100# \$24.50.

Slaughter heifers: 250 Good, few Choice, 800-900# \$24.25-24.50; 90 Good 825-840# \$24.00-24.25; 400 Good, few Standard, 625-725# \$24.00-24.25.

Feeder cattle: Current delivery, 52 Choice 740# steers \$22.50; 100 Choice 618-688# steers \$24.00, heifers \$23.00; March-April, 2,400 Choice and Fancy 650-700#, steers \$24.00, heifers \$22.00; 250 Good and Choice 500# \$24.00; 2,250 Good 500-650# \$22.50-23.00; October-November, 575 mostly Fancy 750-800# steers \$23.00; 400 Choice and Fancy 850# \$22.00.

Feeder calves: Immediate, 40 Choice 425#, steers \$26.00, heifers \$25.00; 120 Good 478# steers \$24.00, heifers \$23.00. March-April 6,300 Choice to mostly Fancy 300-450# steers \$28.00-33.00, heifers \$25.00-30.00.

Lambs: Trading moderately active, slaughter lambs steady, feeders strong, spots 50¢ higher. Slaughter lambs, 1,000 mostly Prime 107# woolled \$15.50; 3,500 Choice, Prime end, 90-106# No. 1 to fall shorn \$15.00. Feeders, 1,600 mostly Fancy 85-87# woolled \$15.50; 4,500 mostly Choice 70-88# woolled \$14.00-14.50; 350 Choice and Fancy 74# No. 1 pelt \$13.75.

Amarillo area: Slaughter cattle steady to 50¢ lower, feeders slow, mostly steady.

Slaughter steers: 6,000 mostly Choice 1100-1200# \$25.50; 127 Good and Choice 1050# \$25.25; 60 Good, Standard end, 900# \$22.50.

Slaughter heifers: 300 mostly Choice 925-975# \$25.00-25.50, late sales \$25.00; 225 Good,

Standard end, 660-675# through February \$24.00; 60 Cutter and Utility cows \$13.50.

Feeder cattle: Immediate, 40 Choice 600# steers \$24.75; 1,500 Good to mostly Choice 600-700# \$23.00-24.00; 100 Good and Choice 780# \$23.35; 283 Good 662# \$22.30. March-May, 600 Choice and Fancy 600# steers \$26.00; 338 Choice 750-775# \$23.90-24.50; 1,225 Good and Choice 525-700# \$23.00-25.50; June delivery, 450 Choice and Fancy 750-775# steers \$23.50; immediate-April, 300 Choice and Fancy 575-600# heifers \$24.00; 850 Choice 600-650# \$23.00-24.00; 1,240 mostly Choice 575-675# heifers for June \$22.50-23.00.

Feeder calves: Immediate-March, 196 Good 375-400#, steers \$24.00, heifers \$23.00; 150 Good and Choice 500-525#, steers \$26.00, heifers \$24.00; 159 Choice 490-525# for March, steers \$27.00, heifers \$25.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers steady to weak. Feeder cattle and calves steady. Slaughter lambs steady.

Slaughter steers: High-Good and Choice 975-1200# \$24.50-26.00. Oregon, Standard and Good 1100-1200# \$22.00-22.50.

Slaughter heifers: Good and Choice 740-1050# \$23.00-24.25.

Feeders: Good and Choice 1000# steers \$23.00-24.00. Good and Choice 550-750# \$23.00-25.00, comparable heifers \$22.50-24.00, some for August delivery \$21.00.

Slaughter lambs: Washington, Choice and Prime 100-107# No. 2 pelt to full woolled \$16.75-17.00; 130# with No. 2 pelts \$15.50. Oregon, Choice and Prime high-yielding 100-106# with No. 3 pelts \$17.75-18.00 delivered.

Wool: Idaho, 7 or 8 clips early shearing 1962 wools 1/4 to 3/8 blood 47-1/2¢ to 51¢ FOB grease basis.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Demand poor on all cattle and calves, few sales steady.

Slaughter steers: Southern Montana, 2 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 1100-1125# \$24.75.

Feeders: Western Montana, 650 Choice 700-800# steers \$23.75-24.00.

Feeder calves: Montana, 1,450 Choice 400-550#, steers \$26.00-28.00, heifers \$25.00; 300 Choice and Fancy heifers for April delivery \$28.00, expected to weigh 450#.

Sheep: Fairly active early, slow late. Slaughter lambs and ewes steady, feeder and shearing lambs steady to 50¢ lower.

Slaughter lambs: Montana, 1,000 Choice 105-110# \$16.00-16.25, 500 Choice 120# \$15.00.

Slaughter ewes: Northern Wyoming, 1,000 Cull to Good \$4.25-6.00 per head.

Feeder and shearing lambs: Eastern Montana, 1,000 Choice 92# ewe lambs \$17.50; 3,350 Choice and Fancy 80-90# shearing \$16.25-16.50; 200 Good and Choice 60# feeders \$14.50.

Northern Wyoming, 1,000 Good and Choice 70-85# feeders \$15.00.

Wool: Central Montana pool, 135,000-150,000# mixed fine and half-blood 43¢ grease basis with 1-5¢ discount for burry, dirty or broken fleeces.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 4
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Chicago	35,017	40,615	68	130	34,956	29,767	6,354	7,441
Denver	7,785	8,228	243	201	5,919	4,784	15,444	14,584
Fort Worth	6,601	5,762	1,029	1,641	1,603	2,019	11,148	5,953
Indianapolis ...	7,967	7,340	271	347	32,184	29,097	2,640	2,586
Kansas City	19,169	21,002	666	757	15,591	14,122	4,136	3,456
Oklahoma City ..	10,956	7,935	931	716	2,729	3,592	2,077	1,346
Omaha	35,716	37,585	1,695	871	48,010	37,656	12,322	15,831
St. Joseph	14,304	16,435	258	467	21,801	20,089	8,225	8,756
St. Louis NSY ..	14,000	15,941	1,695	1,678	48,378	47,060	6,670	5,762
Sioux City	29,228	27,649	2,898	1,414	43,675	33,659	9,536	9,082
Sioux Falls	9,382	6,853	91	403	18,927	14,267	15,622	10,768
S. St. Paul	20,051	18,397	6,361	8,793	48,185	47,531	13,728	14,384
Total	210,176	213,742	16,206	17,418	321,958	283,643	107,902	99,949
" Jan. 27, 1962	211,123		15,521		345,272		109,942	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA - Feb. 3, 1962 Jan. 27, 1962 Feb. 4, 1961

Hogs	354,000	333,000	278,000*
Sheep	27,700	25,200	23,600*
INTERIOR ILLINOIS - Hogs	102,200	86,800	100,200

* Revised.

SALABLE RECEIPTS OF LIVESTOCK AT 25 PUBLIC MARKETS

MONTH OF JANUARY

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Chicago	168,398	168,073	593	856	168,538	150,408	37,721	38,859
Denver	52,416	50,646	14,139	10,384	25,178	23,729	62,549	50,579
Fort Worth	27,498	27,571	4,551	9,128	6,880	9,041	48,400	32,957
Indianapolis ...	36,686	33,295	1,479	1,453	140,526	139,945	9,920	15,010
Kansas City	80,959	96,449	3,020	4,149	73,541	66,296	20,622	28,313
Oklahoma City ..	44,136	47,527	4,205	5,026	14,830	14,600	5,733	8,427
Omaha	177,631	184,016	3,569	3,783	247,565	201,117	69,316	75,268
St. Joseph	71,472	74,608	1,419	1,991	115,588	102,689	38,022	35,276
St. Louis NSY ..	64,334	70,708	6,042	7,870	216,688	233,778	28,120	31,612
Sioux City	151,637	138,654	12,402	10,931	214,327	177,615	52,368	51,901
Sioux Falls	50,734	39,692	809	1,129	89,071	69,799	65,148	56,757
S. St. Paul	105,380	86,056	35,048	35,693	243,064	223,216	74,040	70,985
Total 12 markets ...	1,031,281	1,017,295	87,276	92,393	1,555,796	1,412,233	511,959	495,944
Baltimore	10,396	10,081	1,002	1,225	9,406	8,680	276	169
Cincinnati	14,915	14,271	2,296	2,294	51,769	51,889	3,919	3,482
Detroit	20,736	18,562	1,447	1,581	6,228	6,298	12,244	15,959
Evansville, Ind.	10,054	11,055	904	865	45,854	47,229	1,190	1,459
Houston	2,757	2,888	6,683	6,548	97	215	26	7
Lancaster, Pa...	17,010	14,284	2,940	2,758	5,505	7,544	1,452	1,691
Louisville	17,596	16,948	5,396	5,647	28,832	33,154	3,911	5,023
Nashville	7,996	8,084	2,051	2,009	14,584	17,040	820	1,208
Ogden	7,687	10,087	830	1,226	2,207	2,464	5,611	2,640
Peoria	10,049	8,766	504	615	77,102	72,016	6,287	9,332
Portland, Oreg..	11,573	11,205	1,824	1,574	20,854	10,317	15,538	9,242
San Antonio	17,004	19,213	7,780	7,514	4,355	4,215	2,476	3,122
Wichita	26,355	26,137	112	251	15,838	15,463	11,552	12,897
Total 25 markets ...	1,205,409	1,188,876	121,045	126,500	1,838,425	1,688,757	577,261	562,175

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -

Hogs

Sheep

INTERIOR ILLINOIS - Hogs

January 1962

1,568,000

117,500

430,600

January 1961

1,499,000*

131,700*

416,800

* Revised.

FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER									
		Week ended		Month		Twelve months			
		Feb. 1	Jan. 25	Feb. 2	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	
		1962	1962	1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	
Steers - 100# up	.....	434	394	1,040	3,214	5,314	28,853	33,110	
901-1000	.....	2,138	2,093	2,402	7,641	9,430	94,793	96,510	
801-900	.....	3,299	3,966	3,239	11,252	15,016	179,423	183,480	
701-800	.....	2,822	4,789	2,571	12,694	17,349	250,603	269,350	
501-700	.....	6,699	8,569	7,174	25,152	34,853	543,362	612,224	
Total steers 10 markets	....	15,392	19,811	16,426	59,953	81,962	1,097,034	1,194,674	
Av. wt.	" " "	740#	729#	745#	747#	746#	715#	712#	
Av. cost*	" " "	\$23.03	\$23.61	\$24.22	\$23.33	\$23.81	\$23.28	\$23.02	
"	" " " Chicago	21.93	23.11	23.87	23.07	23.60	22.88	23.71	
"	" " " Kansas City	22.90	22.22	24.19	23.06	23.61	23.20	22.93	
"	" " " Omaha	22.14	23.64	24.21	23.57	23.81	23.93	23.80	
"	" " " S. St. Paul	20.86	21.09	22.31	21.45	21.96	21.22	22.11	
"	" " " Sioux City	22.40	25.16	26.08	24.88	25.15	24.47	24.46	
"	" " " Denver	23.30	24.41	22.85	23.55	24.39	23.92	23.54	
"	" " " Ft. Worth	22.94	22.99	23.22	22.75	22.42	22.17	21.16	
"	" " " Oklahoma City	22.93	23.07	23.54	23.42	23.11	22.44	21.43	
"	" " " S. St. Joseph	22.48	22.20	23.24	22.84	22.66	23.05	22.47	
"	" " " St. Louis NSY	22.21	22.68	22.54	22.15	22.48	22.20	22.09	
Total calves - 10 markets	..	9,099	21,738	8,265	55,547	75,401	716,538	781,671	
"	" " " " "	3,074	2,934	2,485	8,522	12,096	180,262	197,768	
"	" " " " "	556	443	690	6,554	6,151	54,221	48,320	
* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.									

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ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS												
Week ended	Chi- cago City	Kan- sas City	S. St. Omaha Joseph	St. Louis NSY	St. City	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Ft. Worth	Okl- oma City	San Antonio
	Feeders											
Feb. 2, 1962	2	38	9	8	7	29	8	5	15	65	70	50
Jan. 26, 1962	2	24	6	7	6	23	10	8	6	65	68	45
Feb. 3, 1961	2	38	11	10	7	28	5	7	8	50	69	44
	Slaughter cows											
Feb. 2, 1962	4	9	10	6	9	6	18	10	20	10	9	12
Jan. 26, 1962	3	11	9	5	8	6	20	12	20	15	9	15
Feb. 3, 1961	4	8	8	7	10	4	32	10	22	20	9	17

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total		Average weight		Average price in	
			by grades		(pounds)		dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 1	Feb. 2
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,167	5,136	8.4	17.4	1,246	1,240	27.57	38.19
Choice.....	15,383	15,876	59.5	53.9	1,164	1,180	26.21	26.92
Good.....	7,124	7,493	27.5	25.4	1,103	1,149	24.33	25.18
Standard.....	871	790	3.4	2.7	1,016	1,036	21.82	22.63
Commercial.....	--	71	--	.2	--	1,518	--	21.05
Utility.....	325	115	1.2	.4	1,073	990	19.85	19.90
All grades.....	25,870	29,481			1,148	1,179	25.63	26.58
OMAHA								
Prime.....	217	203	1.2	1.1	1,162	1,208	26.62	27.24
Choice.....	8,126	8,405	44.8	47.2	1,165	1,188	25.26	25.82
Good.....	8,571	8,358	47.3	46.9	1,121	1,140	23.74	24.37
Standard.....	933	661	5.1	3.7	1,078	1,151	20.28	21.29
Utility.....	281	198	1.6	1.1	1,058	1,085	18.97	19.63
All grades.....	18,128	17,825			1,138	1,163	24.24	24.94
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	153	168	1.1	1.4	1,215	1,179	26.30	27.90
Choice.....	8,997	7,853	66.6	63.7	1,166	1,177	25.23	26.19
Good.....	3,988	3,906	29.6	31.7	1,107	1,131	23.68	24.50
Standard.....	265	400	2.0	3.2	1,109	1,076	20.38	21.23
Utility.....	98	--	.7	--	1,046	--	19.02	--
All grades.....	13,501	12,327			1,147	1,159	24.67	25.54
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	14	34	.2	.4	1,028	1,142	26.39	28.00
Choice.....	1,412	1,151	19.8	13.6	1,089	1,142	25.10	26.38
Good.....	4,692	6,220	65.9	73.4	1,080	1,112	23.51	24.76
Standard.....	771	1,025	10.8	12.1	1,051	1,073	20.82	21.60
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	233	44	3.3	.5	1,075	1,053	19.00	19.05
All grades.....	7,122	8,474			1,078	1,111	23.40	24.60
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,100	1,139	17.6	14.9	1,056	1,123	25.27	26.32
Good.....	3,693	4,916	59.1	64.1	1,018	1,052	23.40	24.70
Standard.....	1,060	1,458	17.0	19.0	962	995	21.57	22.08
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	394	151	6.3	2.0	949	903	19.01	18.66
All grades.....	6,247	7,664			1,011	1,049	23.19	24.38
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	44	--	.6	--	1,152	--	27.44	--
Choice.....	2,704	2,240	35.9	28.3	1,123	1,172	24.68	25.98
Good.....	4,364	5,235	58.0	66.0	1,060	1,115	23.10	24.81
Standard.....	413	450	5.5	5.7	1,090	1,101	20.17	21.06
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	7,525	7,925			1,085	1,130	23.55	24.95
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,060	1,689	76.7	70.7	1,157	1,178	25.28	25.83
Good.....	627	684	23.3	28.6	1,060	1,148	23.93	24.69
Standard.....	--	12	--	.5	--	1,056	--	19.62
Utility.....	--	5	--	.2	--	920	--	18.70
All grades.....	2,687	2,390			1,134	1,168	24.98	25.47

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 4
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Boston, New York City Area	11,919	12,032	7,757	8,741	43,621	45,896	33,374	41,536
Baltimore, Philadelphia	8,001	8,657	1,626	1,967	33,022	32,472	5,272	5,105
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	19,325	18,946	3,433	3,971	114,555	123,475	12,551	14,861
Chicago Area	15,126	13,353	6,621	7,282	43,741	40,327	7,352	6,412
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	28,760	27,888	18,433	23,579	100,365	92,614	23,792	21,436
St. Louis Area	11,137	11,108	1,759	1,489	69,153	65,232	5,656	5,118
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	32,934	21,263	--	--	109,640	88,716	13,663	16,407
Omaha Area	40,369	37,762	141	186	85,573	72,561	18,567	19,379
Kansas City	15,197	16,141	--	--	33,149	30,177	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	35,519	29,825	9,333	9,456	290,054	246,525	42,574	35,233
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's ...	6,451	5,728	2,457	2,560	55,291	56,512	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	9,544	8,208	3,372	5,366	29,065	32,977	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	19,958	20,115	533	930	47,112	40,184	11,376	11,111
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	9,716	10,395	3,032	3,633	13,786	15,320	22,347	13,201
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	22,391	18,716	98	232	16,221	14,925	40,719	27,362
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	25,461	28,503	1,121	1,688	35,804	25,076	34,093	29,758
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	8,364	7,500	302	250	17,551	14,679	5,713	4,355
Total	320,172		60,018		1,137,703		277,049	
		296,140		71,330		1,037,668		251,274
Accumulation to date	1,604,664		330,709		5,728,571		1,384,822	
		1,506,373		336,867		5,567,436		1,307,349

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Feb. 3, 1962	390	231.3	90	10.1	1,315	183.8	297	14.8	440.0	--
Jan. 27, 1962	410	244.4	100	11.5	1,370	191.5	290	14.5	461.9	--
Jan. 13, 1962 1/	391	--	93	--	1,365	--	319	--	--	42.8
Feb. 4, 1961 1/	367	221.9	102	11.6	1,205	165.0	282	14.3	412.8	38.8

Percentage change from:

Jan. 27, 1962	-5	-5	-10	-12	-4	-4	2	2	-5	--
Feb. 4, 1961	6	4	-12	-13	9	11	5	3	7	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard yield per
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	100 lb.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Feb. 3, 1962	1040	593	200	112	239	140	103	50	--
Jan. 27, 1962	1045	596	205	115	239	140	103	50	--
Jan. 13, 1962	1045	596	205	115	240	140	102	49	--
Feb. 4, 1961	1055	605	204	114	236	137	105	51	13.6

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
Classification		Feb. 3 1962	Feb. 4 1961	Feb. 3 1962	Feb. 4 1961	Feb. 3 1962	Feb. 4 1961	Feb. 3 1962	Feb. 4 1961	Feb. 3 1962	Feb. 4 1961
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Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	27.20	28.30	--	--	26.92	27.75	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	27.70	27.55	--	--	26.85	27.65	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	26.05	27.20	25.35	26.20	25.70	26.52	25.58	25.98	25.75	26.00
	1100-1300	26.20	26.30	25.20	25.95	25.62	26.18	25.58	25.86	25.56	25.25
Good	900-1100	23.75	24.92	23.22	24.02	23.45	24.12	23.00	23.12	24.25	24.12
Standard		21.60	22.10	20.52	20.92	20.75	21.50	--	20.00	21.62	20.88
Heifers -											
Choice	700-900#	25.68	26.20	24.70	25.12	25.52	25.70	25.18	25.15	24.00	23.62
Good	600-800	--	--	22.92	22.98	23.12	23.55	--	22.68	22.50	21.88
Standard		20.60	21.38	20.05	19.85	20.38	20.85	--	19.50	19.75	19.50
Cows -											
Commercial		14.75	16.52	15.75	16.50	15.50	16.35	--	--	--	17.00
Utility		14.42	16.40	14.82	15.60	14.62	15.52	15.70	15.62	15.50	15.00
Cutter		14.20	15.65	13.75	14.85	13.32	14.62	14.62	13.50	13.44	13.50
Canner		12.62	14.25	12.25	13.85	12.25	13.78	13.25	12.62	11.88	11.75
Bulls - Yrlgs. excl.											
Commercial		19.40	19.80	18.10	17.75	18.25	17.88	--	--	--	--
Utility		19.40	19.80	18.40	18.00	18.25	18.00	18.75	18.10	20.75	19.50
Calves - 250-500#											
Choice		--	--	23.80	23.30	--	--	--	--	29.50	--
Good		--	--	21.90	21.15	--	--	--	--	27.50	22.50
Standard		--	--	19.70	19.00	--	--	--	--	22.50	19.25
Vealers - 150-250#											
Choice		--	27.80	26.00	27.50	25.50	25.30	--	--	32.50	29.75
Good		--	25.20	23.50	24.30	23.00	22.45	--	--	30.00	27.25
Standard		--	21.10	21.00	20.10	20.25	19.35	--	--	25.00	23.00
Feeder cattle and calves											
Steers - 500-800#											
Fancy		--	--	26.70	--	--	--	27.25	--	--	--
Choice		26.12	27.12	25.45	26.35	26.12	26.75	26.00	25.88	24.25	24.50
Good		23.90	24.75	23.75	24.00	24.12	24.62	23.00	24.00	22.50	22.50
Heifers - 500-750#											
Choice		--	--	23.62	23.50	24.50	24.25	24.75	24.25	--	--
Good		--	--	21.50	20.00*	22.75	20.75*	21.75	21.50*	--	19.00*
Calves -											
Steer -											
Fancy 300-550#		--	--	29.85	--	31.75	--	32.75	--	--	--
Choice " "		--	--	27.70)	28.00	28.50)	29.25	29.50)	29.50	26.00)	24.75
Good 300-500#		--	--	24.65)		24.75)		27.00)		24.00)	
Heifer - 300-500#											
Fancy		--	--	26.50	--	29.00	--	31.50	--	--	--
Choice		--	--	24.50)	24.75	26.00)	25.25	28.75)	27.00	--	22.50
Good		--	--	22.75)		23.25)		26.00)		--	

*Medium and Good.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

		St.	Louis	Kansas	Omaha	Sioux	S. St.	S. St.	Indian	Eight
Week ended		Chicago	Nat'l.	City		City	Joseph	Paul	apolis	mkts.
			Stock							com-
			Yards							bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 3, 1961	17.09	16.93	16.80	16.79	16.67	17.02	16.50	17.19	16.85
	Jan. 27, 1961	17.19	17.28	17.01	16.91	16.83	17.20	16.52	17.40	17.00
	Feb. 4, 1961	18.05	18.14	18.28	18.10	18.08	18.22	17.69	18.20	18.06
Sows	Feb. 3, 1962	13.63	14.19	14.45	14.31	14.40	14.60	14.13	14.29	14.22
	Jan. 27, 1962	13.96	14.45	14.53	14.53	14.33	14.59	14.22	14.66	14.40
	Feb. 4, 1961	15.19	15.28	15.47	15.74	15.62	15.78	15.22	15.40	15.45
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 3, 1962	235	221	231	236	244	230	234	228	233
	Jan. 27, 1962	231	224	229	238	244	226	232	229	233
	Feb. 4, 1961	237	220	230	243	242	232	231	227	232
Sows	Feb. 3, 1962	454	430	441	452	449	412	429	454	442
	Jan. 27, 1962	453	431	429	440	452	406	428	438	437
	Feb. 4, 1961	454	414	444	452	455	434	421	463	441
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 3, 1962	27768	43554	13619	40525	38619	18817	36715	27552	247169
	Jan. 27, 1962	29017	44829	16437	46341	40731	21614	43990	25976	268935
	Feb. 4, 1961	22436	40762	12857	32387	29429	18069	36939	25143	218022
Sows	Feb. 3, 1962	2849	3424	1341	4388	2780	1811	3128	2553	22274
	Jan. 27, 1962	2722	3349	1126	4469	3104	1837	3477	2964	23048
	Feb. 4, 1961	2629	3495	878	3243	2491	1454	2378	2426	18994
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
	Feb. 3, 1962	9	7	9	10	7	9	8	8	8
	Jan. 27, 1962	9	7	6	9	7	8	7	10	8
	Feb. 4, 1961	10	8	6	9	8	7	6	9	8

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Feb. 3, 1962	\$18.48	\$17.50	\$.98
Jan. 27, 1962	18.60	17.56	1.04
Feb. 4, 1961	20.10	18.60	1.50

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn 2/ No. 3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Feb. 3, 1962	17.09	108.7	15.7
Jan. 27, 1962	17.19	107.8	15.9
Feb. 4, 1961	18.05	113.8	15.9

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer beef prices were mostly steady to \$1.00 lower. Cow beef was 50¢-\$1.50 lower. Veal sold steady to weak except at New York where both veal and calf were \$1.00-2.00 lower. Lamb was steady to \$2.50 lower, and mostly \$2.00-2.50 lower in New York. Pork loins were steady to \$3.00 lower; spareribs strong to \$1.00 higher but at New York ribs sold steady to \$1.00 lower. Other pork cuts were mostly steady, instances weak to \$1.00 lower at Baltimore.

Prices for kosher steer forequarters were \$1.50-2.00 lower; kosher lamb \$1.00-5.00 off, bulk \$2.00-3.00 lower; kosher veal steady; calf weak to \$1.00 lower.

Receipts of all classes were normal and fully adequate. Trading for beef was generally slow, and demand only fair. Demand on carcass beef was only fair, but fairly good for rounds and chucks at all points other than Philadelphia and New York. Ribs were steady under fair demand. Some beef was carried at all points. Demand for veal and calf was rather poor, with clearance incomplete at some markets. Calf supplies were increased at New York, and proved excessive, with prices mostly \$2.00 lower. Lamb was fairly active except at New York, where there was poor demand and clearance, and prices were sharply lower. Demand for pork rather poor, particularly on loins, and clearance was incomplete at New York and Philadelphia.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold mostly 50¢-\$1.50 lower, veal steady, lamb steady to 50¢ lower, pork loins 8-16# 50¢-\$1.50 higher, Boston butts 4-8# and spareribs 3# and down steady.

Veal continued in small volume but other fresh meat offerings were normal. Supplies of beef in the main were Good to low-Choice as high-Choice and Prime were rather limited. Lamb weighing 55-65# was the most plentiful.

Trading on carcass beef was slow. Rounds, which moved at a brisk pace the past two weeks, slowed considerably and prices declined as much as \$3.00. Ribs were slow but loins and equivalent fabricated cuts cleared fairly well. A slow early chuck trade turned fairly active Wednesday but outlets narrowed again and undertone was weak at the close. A limited veal supply sold steady in a slow trade. There was a moderate demand for lamb with the best activity early. Lamb legs, stews and shoulders cleared readily but sellers encountered difficulty moving loins and particu-

larly ribs, and ribs sold weak. Trading was fair for Boston butts, pork loins and spare-ribs slow but loins ended higher on the basis of advanced replacement costs.

PACIFIC COAST - Carcass steer and heifer beef sold fairly active, steady to 50¢ lower, occasionally \$1.00 off on Standard and Good in the Pacific Northwest. Cow beef was slow, about steady and bull beef was steady to 50¢ lower with the decline in Southern California. Calf was slow under a narrow demand, steady in California but met good demand at steady price levels in Portland-Seattle; veal was untested in Los Angeles, steady in other areas. Lamb sold in generally slow trade, steady to \$1.00 lower in California but was fairly active, steady to \$1.00 higher in the Pacific Northwest. Fresh and cured pork items were slow, steady to \$2.00 lower with most decline on fresh loins and smoked hams.

Moderate to liberal offerings of all classes of meats except Choice steer beef below normal in California.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Demand was poor and trading slow on normal supplies of beef and prices declined sharply. Choice steer beef was 50¢-\$1.00 lower and Good grade steady to \$1.00 lower although extremes on both grades were as much as \$1.50 lower at Chicago. Heifer beef was 50¢-\$1.50 lower, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 lower at shipping points. Cow beef sold steady to \$1.00 lower. Clearance was generally complete on heifer and cow beef but incomplete on steer beef at some centers.

Normal supplies of carcass lamb met poor demand and prices were steady to \$1.00 lower, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 lower. Clearance was generally complete.

Trading was moderately active on pork products under fair demand. Pork loins at Omaha were mostly \$1.00 lower, however, a late price advance left closing quotations \$1.00-2.00 higher at Chicago. Pork butts and 12-16# fresh hams were steady to 50¢ lower. Pork carcasses were steady at New York but 25-50¢ lower at Philadelphia. Clearance was generally complete.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 4
		1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	45.20	46.20	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	45.45	46.85	43.45	45.75	43.12	42.00	42.84	41.50
	700-800	44.20	45.62	42.70	44.25	42.50	40.38	41.94	40.00
Good	500-600	42.70	43.70	41.50	43.75	42.00	41.25	42.12	40.50
	600-700	43.20	44.45	41.00	43.75	40.75	39.62	40.62	39.25
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	43.00	43.75	42.50	40.00	42.50	41.00
	600-700	--	--	43.00	43.75	42.50	39.50	41.50	40.00
Good	500-600	--	--	40.25	42.12	41.00	--	--	39.50
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	63.80	65.00	60.00	63.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	55.80	57.50	57.50	60.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	49.50	51.50	52.00	55.00	56.00	53.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	39.10	40.10	37.44	38.88	38.62	39.75	39.94	41.00
Choice	45-55	39.10	39.60	37.44	38.88	38.62	39.75	39.94	41.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	46.50	48.75	44.05	45.00	50.25	50.75	46.75	46.62
Butts	4-8	37.25	38.50	34.00	35.75	42.50	40.00	39.50	40.00
Spareribs	3# down	40.60	43.50	37.50	39.50	44.00	44.50	39.00	42.38
Hams, smk. skd. -									
Cook before eating	12-16#	47.00	47.00	--	50.75	51.50	50.50	52.25	46.88
Fully cooked	10-14#	48.50	48.50	51.25	54.25	--	--	--	--
Bacon, smoked, sliced -									
1# package (box lots)		51.00	49.00	50.75	56.00	52.50	57.00	49.88	54.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)									
4-8#		34.00	33.00	35.50	34.50	33.75	31.50	33.88	33.00
Lard, 1# carton									
		13.00	16.25	13.75	15.00	17.50	17.50	16.50	16.75

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED FEB. 2, 1962

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	41.00-41.50	40.00-40.50	40.25-40.75	43.50-44.00	43.00-43.50
	700-800	40.50-41.00	39.50-40.00	39.75-40.25	42.75-43.00	42.50-43.00
	800-900	40.00-40.50	39.00-39.50	39.75-40.00	42.00-42.50	41.50-42.00
Good	500-600	38.50-39.50	--	--	39.00-41.50	--
	600-700	38.00-39.00	36.00-38.50	37.75-38.75	39.00-41.50	39.00-41.00
	700-800	38.00-39.00	35.50-38.50	36.75-37.75	39.00-41.50	38.50-40.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	40.50-41.00	39.50-41.00	40.25	--	42.50-43.00
	600-700	40.50-41.00	39.50-39.75	40.25	--	42.50-43.00
Good	500-600	37.50-38.50	--	37.25-37.75	--	--
	600-700	37.50-38.50	--	37.25-37.50	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		28.00-28.50	29.00	27.50-28.00	--	29.50-30.00
Canner and Cutter		28.50-29.00	--	27.75-28.00	--	29.25-29.50
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	35.00-36.00	--	--	37.00-39.00	36.50-37.50
	45-55	34.00-35.00	--	--	35.00-37.00	35.50-36.50
	55-65	31.00-33.00	--	--	33.50-35.00	33.50-34.50
Choice	35-45	35.00-36.00	34.00-34.50	34.25-34.75	37.00-39.00	36.50-37.50
	45-55	34.00-35.00	33.00-33.50	33.25-33.75	35.00-37.00	35.50-36.50
	55-65	31.00-33.00	30.50-32.00	31.75-32.75	33.50-35.00	33.50-34.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	42.00-43.00	--	41.50-42.00	--	43.50-44.50

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Supplies of greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market continued small. Top-makers and combers continued to purchase greasy pulled wools of combing length and prices were firm.

Supplies of woolen wools and noils continued limited at steady to firm rates.

Contracting in the territory States had subsided somewhat compared to a week ago while the movement of fleece wools for future delivery was extremely small. There were occasional sales of fall wools in Texas and a little contracting of 12 months was also noted.

Midweek cables from Australia showed the Continent and Japan the principal buyers with prices very strong and clearance good. There was good general competition in the New Zealand markets while in South Africa about 95 percent of offerings of combing wools were sold. France was the principal buyer in the Cape followed closely by the United States. Prices advanced 2-3¢ in Montevideo. Buenos Aires was slow with sales very limited.

Fleece Wools - Graded 50/56s baby combing fleece wools sold at 97¢ clean basis on a core test.

Territory Wools - A good-sized clip of half, three-eighths and quarter-blood wools was contracted in Idaho at 48¢ grease basis to the grower with the estimated clean price around \$1.07 delivered East. Shearing commenced this week in New Mexico.

Texas Wools - Twelve months Texas wool was contracted in the San Saba area at 53¢ grease basis to the grower, while occasional sales of fall wools were estimated to cost from \$.95-1.00 clean basis delivered East. There was some shearing in scattered areas in Texas where weather permitted.

Mohair - Fall mohair sold in Texas at 76½¢ for adult and \$1.31½ for kid hair to the warehouse. Goats were being shorn in some areas in Texas.

Foreign Wools - Supplies of spot foreign wools were very small. A fair volume of Cape wool sold for shipment. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured Yields
7 - \$1.09	17 - \$1.05
8 - 1.07	22 - 1.04
12 - 1.06	23 - 1.03
47 - 1.06	27 - 1.01
48 - 1.05	28 - 1.00
52 - 1.05	32 - .98
53 - 1.03	37 - .94

Australia		New Zealand	
Oil-combed		Oil-combed	
61 - \$1.15	79- \$1.07	93 -	\$.85
62 - 1.12	422- 1.01	834 -	.84
63 - 1.09	423- .97	100 -	.80
77 - 1.13	424- .92	107 -	.79
78 - 1.11		114 -	.77
		128 -	.76

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools - 60/64s - \$1.01, 60s - 97¢, 60/58s - 95¢, 58/56s - 92¢, 56/50s - 91¢.

Carpet Wools - The carpet wool trade continued slow with only a slight improvement and prices were stronger. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clip wools were offered at 73¢, 36/40s lambs wool around 71¢ and fleeces at 75¢. Greasy New Zealand fleeces around 76¢ and early shorn wool at 72¢, yellow Pakistan Montgomery wool at 65½¢, all clean wool fibers present for shipment. A pulled gray Continental carpet wool sold for shipment at 48¢ clean wool fibers present.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)	Scoured Shorn Foreign
62/64s 2½-3" ch. \$1.21	Aust. 64s white
60s 2½-3" ch. 1.15	fleece \$1.23
58s 2-2½" spring	Noils
lambs 1.00	Clear Aust. 70s nobles
58s 2-2½" gray	89¢
lambs \$.70-.71	Clear Cape 64/70s
56/58s 2½-3½ choice	schlumbs. 69¢
\$1.05-1.06	Good style fleece
56/58s ave. 2½" light	56 nobles 57¢
stain \$1.00	Ave. dom. 60s French
	43¢

Wool Tops - Trade in wool tops was slow with only occasional sales of fleece 54s oil and dry-combed tops. Quotes follow:

<u>Warp Aust. D/C</u>	<u>Warp Dom. D/C</u>
70s - \$1.93	\$1.83
64s - 1.83	1.77
62s - 1.73	1.70
60s - 1.66	1.63
58/60s - 1.58	1.57
<u>Oil-combed</u>	<u>Territory</u>
58/60s - \$1.56	\$1.55
56s - --	1.48
50/56s - --	1.46
	<u>Fleece</u>
	--
	\$1.46
	1.43

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Feb. 1, 1962 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops	- \$1.620 (Bid)
May wool tops	- 1.606 (Bid)
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
March wool	- \$1.240 (Bid)
May wool	- 1.225 (Bid)

64s grade - 2½" average stretched length

MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICE 1/ - SLAUGHTER STEERS - CHICAGO
CHOICE GRADE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1956 ..	20.02	18.88	19.41	20.56	20.70	21.05	22.37	25.81	27.27	26.08	24.30	21.99	22.30
1957 ..	21.23	20.57	21.86	22.99	23.31	23.48	25.12	25.63	24.98	24.67	25.20	25.98	23.83
1958 ..	26.82	27.54	29.90	29.37	28.83	28.07	26.99	26.11	26.70	26.67	26.77	27.19	27.42
1959 ..	28.13	27.85	29.11	30.33	29.34	28.48	27.89	27.56	27.62	27.19	26.53	25.57	27.83
1960 ..	26.42	26.69	28.08	27.76	27.43	26.04	25.64	25.07	24.80	24.94	26.08	26.86	26.24
1961 ..	27.42	26.17	25.70	25.05	23.43	22.45	22.38	24.13	24.34	24.55	25.58	26.13	24.65

ALL GRADES

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1956 ..	20.01	18.85	18.89	19.87	20.12	20.79	22.28	25.61	27.31	26.00	23.97	21.65	22.00
1957 ..	20.94	20.28	21.36	22.61	22.85	23.07	24.76	25.45	24.84	24.48	25.06	25.74	23.48
1958 ..	26.31	26.65	28.28	28.59	28.27	27.67	26.75	25.91	26.65	26.70	26.79	27.01	27.09
1959 ..	27.81	27.44	28.22	29.32	28.82	28.15	27.61	27.36	27.48	27.06	26.31	25.26	27.53
1960 ..	26.10	26.37	27.40	27.13	26.75	25.58	25.30	24.75	24.62	24.83	26.00	26.61	25.93
1961 ..	27.02	25.84	25.32	24.73	23.09	22.30	22.23	24.01	24.21	24.46	25.44	25.84	24.46

MONTHLY AVERAGE WEIGHT 1/- SLAUGHTER STEERS - CHICAGO
CHOICE GRADE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1956 ..	1,164	1,187	1,189	1,192	1,174	1,163	1,143	1,116	1,099	1,113	1,136	1,153	1,152
1957 ..	1,176	1,199	1,196	1,178	1,180	1,181	1,154	1,140	1,141	1,142	1,138	1,138	1,162
1958 ..	1,157	1,165	1,172	1,157	1,156	1,166	1,165	1,164	1,156	1,165	1,174	1,192	1,166
1959 ..	1,209	1,209	1,211	1,199	1,201	1,195	1,196	1,187	1,180	1,160	1,159	1,165	1,187
1960 ..	1,191	1,196	1,208	1,186	1,188	1,180	1,186	1,180	1,172	1,165	1,167	1,173	1,183
1961 ..	1,180	1,180	1,195	1,200	1,204	1,207	1,209	1,199	1,173	1,174	1,161	1,166	1,188

ALL GRADES

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1956 ..	1,154	1,166	1,151	1,141	1,125	1,134	1,125	1,109	1,109	1,115	1,129	1,143	1,134
1957 ..	1,148	1,157	1,151	1,143	1,140	1,136	1,120	1,124	1,126	1,131	1,138	1,141	1,137
1958 ..	1,141	1,129	1,114	1,118	1,119	1,132	1,138	1,143	1,145	1,161	1,175	1,190	1,144
1959 ..	1,194	1,187	1,168	1,149	1,162	1,165	1,166	1,163	1,158	1,151	1,152	1,158	1,164
1960 ..	1,176	1,174	1,169	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,158	1,153	1,152	1,153	1,164	1,166	1,160
1961 ..	1,180	1,172	1,177	1,177	1,176	1,190	1,190	1,173	1,156	1,168	1,155	1,156	1,173

MONTHLY AVERAGE COST 1/ -- BARROWS AND GILTS - 8 MARKETS COMBINED 2/

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1956 ..	11.70	12.41	13.20	15.01	16.31	16.68	16.47	16.87	16.29	15.64	14.90	16.69	14.82
1957 ..	17.89	17.16	17.25	17.95	18.24	19.65	20.79	21.27	19.34	17.20	17.01	18.45	18.29
1958 ..	19.26	20.16	21.20	20.64	22.03	22.97	23.12	21.33	20.42	18.88	18.13	17.86	20.25
1959 ..	16.63	15.63	15.89	16.09	16.09	15.91	14.40	14.65	13.81	13.11	12.61	11.86	14.64
1960 ..	12.65	13.56	15.55	15.96	16.03	16.88	17.74	16.91	16.59	17.30	17.36	17.27	15.96
1961 ..	17.33	18.13	17.53	17.04	16.37	16.60	17.87	18.33	18.18	16.85	15.97	16.70	17.16

MONTHLY AVERAGE WEIGHT 1/ - BARROWS AND GILTS - 8 MARKETS COMBINED 2/

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1956 ..	231	227	224	223	223	221	217	211	214	217	223	227	222
1957 ..	232	229	230	230	230	226	215	208	210	218	225	229	224
1958 ..	232	228	229	233	234	229	219	214	218	224	230	233	227
1959 ..	238	232	229	232	231	229	221	216	218	224	228	230	228
1960 ..	232	228	229	232	234	232	228	223	222	225	231	232	229
1961 ..	236	232	231	236	238	234	225	219	219	224	228	230	230

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Eight markets include Chicago, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis National Stock Yards, Sioux City, South St. Joseph, and South St. Paul.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1961 ^{1/}

Month and period	Cattle				Calves			
	Federally inspected	Other commercial	Total	Av. live weight	Federally inspected	Other commercial	Total	Av. live weight
	Thousand head	Thousand head	Thousand head	Pounds	Thousand head	Thousand head	Thousand head	Pounds
Dec. 1961	1,589.3	417.7	2,007.0	1,027	415.7	195.8	611.5	207
Dec. 1960	1,575.8	439.3	2,015.1	1,018	451.1	239.3	690.4	208
Jan.-Dec. 1961 ^{2/} ..	19,968.1	5,641.4	25,609.5	1,017	5,005.1	2,679.1	7,684.2	223
Jan.-Dec. 1960 ^{2/} ..	19,393.9	5,830.4	25,224.3	1,004	5,259.5	2,965.4	8,224.9	222
	Hogs				Sheep and lambs			
Dec. 1961	5,737.9	996.4	6,734.3	240	1,123.8	159.7	1,283.5	96
Dec. 1960	5,752.7	1,042.8	6,795.5	241	1,114.3	150.4	1,264.7	100
Jan.-Dec. 1961 ^{2/} ..	65,632.4	11,660.6	77,293.0	238	15,036.2	2,122.7	17,158.9	98
Jan.-Dec. 1960 ^{2/} ..	66,153.2	12,883.1	79,036.3	236	14,036.1	1,863.2	15,899.3	99

^{1/} Excludes farm slaughter. ^{2/} Accumulated totals based on unrounded head and live weight.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1961 ^{1/}

Month and period	Beef	Veal	Pork ^{2/}	Lamb and mutton	Total meat ^{2/}	Lard ^{3/}
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
Dec. 1961	1,169	70	950	59	2,248	206
Dec. 1960	1,149	80	957	61	2,247	208
Jan.-Dec. 1961 ..	14,919	958	10,724	814	27,415	2,384
Jan.-Dec. 1960 ..	14,374	1,025	10,863	754	27,016	2,419

^{1/} Excludes farm slaughter. ^{2/} Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.

^{3/} Includes rendered pork fat.

Statistical Reporting Service - Crop Reporting Board.

MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS GRADED, OR ACCEPTED AS COMPLYING WITH SPECIFICATIONS--BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ^{1/}

Grade	Beef		Veal and calf		Lamb and mutton	
	Dec. 1961	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1961	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1961	Dec. 1960
	Thous. pounds	Thous. pounds	Thous. pounds	Thous. pounds	Thous. pounds	Thous. pounds
Prime	25,497	21,688	61	37	2,937	3,285
Choice	416,304	373,957	1,662	1,765	24,224	22,276
Good	119,208	128,717	10,636	9,101	762	458
Standard	13,627	15,223	1,488	1,697	--	--
Commercial	4,330	5,137	--	--	--	--
Utility	22,716	32,200	69	137	1,195	9
Cutter	7,242	1,284	--	--	--	--
Canner	664	170	--	--	--	--
Cull	--	--	--	11	--	1
Total	609,587	578,376	13,915	12,747	29,118	26,029

Bull and stag beef .. 738 764
 All other meats 49,259 13,059
 and lard.....

^{1/} Data pertain only to meats offered to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for grading or acceptance.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)

DECEMBER 1961

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats	
	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	--	--	--	44,582	--
Australia	14,950,035	1,865,181	--	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	16,536	--
Canada	2,364,875	5,160	2,703,276	1,823	370,455
Denmark	--	--	--	1,250	189,021
Germany	--	--	--	--	944
Holland	--	--	--	--	6,613
Ireland	5,643,173	--	38,607	--	6,515
Mexico	6,502,683	--	--	--	--
New Zealand	6,659,388	1,004,951	663	--	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	--	--
All others	2,673,277	38,528	--	7,500	8,201
Total - December 1961...	38,793,431	2,913,820	2,742,546	71,691	581,749
December 1960...	28,578,217	3,092,115	3,352,908	86,548	866,379

Refused or condemned:

December 1961...	96,365	23,695	--	3,060	28
December 1960...	34,071	2,630	--	--	--

Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscel- laneous	Total
	Beef	Pork	Miscel- laneous				
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	2,899,389	--	18	736,200	--	570,969	4,251,158
Australia	16,200	--	--	--	--	11,200	16,842,616
Brazil	652,855	--	18	665,981	--	--	1,335,390
Canada	1,102	251,447	4,928	--	11,221	258,849	5,973,136
Denmark	10,800	4,054,886	502,151	--	290,182	19,200	5,067,490
Germany	--	102,390	--	--	15,548	--	118,882
Holland	101,252	3,000,308	55,730	--	185	--	3,164,088
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--	5,688,295
Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	6,502,683
New Zealand	--	--	--	--	--	--	7,665,002
Paraguay	828,998	--	--	--	--	--	828,998
Poland	960	2,858,528	733,403	--	--	--	3,592,891
Uruguay	452,358	--	--	--	--	25,441	477,799
All others	94,335	193,000	65,886	--	104,697	11,346	3,196,770
Total - December 1961	5,058,249	10,460,559	1,362,134	1,402,181	421,833	897,005	64,705,198
December 1960	6,353,864	14,228,472	1,576,123	907,700	295,891	448,120	59,786,337

Refused or condemned:

December 1961	13,641	78,304	279	--	1,993	582	217,947
December 1960	26,501	36,791	3,042	20,038	4,703	31,775	159,551

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) for December 1961 were as follows - Argentina 343,144, Canada 571,028, Mexico 121,500; December 1960 - Argentina 308,763, Canada 19,157, Mexico 3,500.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL ^{1/}

Commodity and unit			Jan. 15 1962	Dec. 15 1961	Nov. 15 1961	Jan. 15 1961	Average Jan. 1957-Dec. 1959
Prices received by farmers -							
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	16.50	16.10	15.70	16.50	17.30
All beef cattle	" "	"	20.70	20.50	19.90	20.80	20.60
Cows	" "	"	14.50	14.20	13.90	14.30	15.10
Steers and heifers	" "	"	23.40	23.20	22.70	23.80	23.10
Calves	" "	"	24.70	24.10	23.70	23.50	23.50
Sheep	" "	"	5.82	5.37	5.14	5.53	6.48
Lambs	" "	"	16.10	15.50	15.10	16.50	19.90
Wool ^{2/}	Per lb.	"	.411	.408	.405	.399	.438
Corn	Per bu.	"	.951	.947	.938	.963	1.10
Oats	" "	"	.665	.659	.643	.598	.622
Barley	" "	"	1.03	1.01	1.00	.820	.892
Hay, all baled	" ton	"	21.60	20.70	20.50	21.30	19.10
Cottonseed	" "	"	50.90	51.50	52.40	44.60	47.60
							Jan. av. 1951-60
Hog-corn price ratio ^{3/} -							
United States	Bushel		17.4	17.0	16.7	17.1	13.7
N. Central States	"		18.0	17.7	17.3	18.5	14.1
Iowa	"		18.5	18.4	17.8	19.4*	--
							1957-59
Index numbers: (Av. Jan. 1910-Dec. 1914 = 100)							
All farm products			242	240	238	241	242
Feed grains and hay			152	150	149	146	159
Meat animals			304	299	291	304	308

Prices paid by farmers -

Commodities & services, interest, taxes and wage rates			304	302	301	301	292
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^{1/} Estimates of Crop Reporting Board.^{2/} Average local market price, excluding incentive payment. Monthly average.^{3/} Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, live weight.

* Revised.

EFFECTIVE PARITY PRICES FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL ^{1/}

Commodity and unit			Adjusted base prices ^{2/}	Effective parity prices ^{3/} based on data for		
				Jan. 1962	Dec. 1961	Jan. 1961
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	7.09	21.60	21.40	21.30
Beef cattle	" "	"	7.73	23.50	23.80	23.70
Calves	" "	"	8.58	26.10	26.30	26.20
Lambs	" "	"	7.98	24.30	25.30	25.20
Wool	Per lb.	"	.241	.733	.752	.749
Corn	" bu.	"	.526	1.60	1.62	1.62
Oats	" "	"	.276	.839	.843	.840
Barley	" "	"	.413	1.26	1.25	1.25
Cottonseed	" ton	"	4/20.60	62.60	62.80	62.60

^{1/} Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956.^{2/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1952-December 1961 average, (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 247 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.^{3/} Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month.^{4/} Adjusted base price 1919-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1952-61 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations).

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP
DECEMBER 1961

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 8 selected North Central States during December 1961 totaled 447 thousand head, 17 percent less than the number shipped in during December last year. Of the total cattle and calves received in these 8 States during the month, 179 thousand moved through public stockyards and 268 thousand were received direct. The direct movement was 60 percent of the total this December compared with 59 percent a year earlier. Cattle and calves shipped into these States during July-December 1961 totaled 4.2 million head, about the same as the July-December 1960 total.

December shipments of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs into these 8 North Central States amounted to 127 thousand head, compared with 184 thousand head during December last year--a decrease of 31 percent. Of the total received during December, 63 thousand came through public markets and nearly 64 thousand were received direct. A total of nearly 2.1 million head of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs were shipped into these 8 States during July-December 1961, down 13 percent from the total for July-December 1960.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Selected North Central States
December 1960 and 1961 ^{1/}

Cattle and Calves

State	Public stock yards		Direct		Total			
	December		December		December			
	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
Ohio	3,116	4,063	2,486	2,792	5,602	6,855	85,479	76,405
Indiana ...	5,572	5,978	13,883	22,426	19,455	28,404	273,770	203,665
Illinois ..	34,346	27,680	73,031	53,250	107,377	80,930	883,195	762,071
Michigan ..	3,236	2,518	3,315	2,502	6,551	5,020	76,500	57,410
Minnesota ..	22,066	16,264	56,922	45,945	78,988	62,209	491,304	488,711
Iowa	107,977	85,117	114,143	87,230	222,120	172,347	1,625,879	1,693,805
S. Dakota :	11,694	11,402	7,695	9,139	19,389	20,541	119,825	160,908
Nebraska :	36,122	26,185	44,926	44,582	81,048	70,767	606,652	721,505
Total	224,129		316,401		540,530		4,162,604	
8 States :		179,207		267,866		447,073		4,164,480

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio	1,718	1,862	297	1,424	2,015	3,286	59,717	80,668
Indiana ...	1,401	290	1,627	---	3,028	290	61,160	54,039
Illinois ..	9,497	3,001	1,437	3,564	10,934	6,565	217,676	262,693
Michigan ..	1,069	1,086	650	640	1,719	1,726	22,244	24,359
Minnesota ..	27,985	25,970	13,818	8,600	41,803	34,570	325,998	324,445
Iowa	29,447	16,556	51,568	25,253	81,015	41,809	953,285	808,006
S. Dakota ..	13,681	7,001	11,838	3,554	25,519	10,555	148,848	124,713
Nebraska ...	8,405	7,477	9,316	20,289	17,721	27,766	611,398	418,345
Total	93,203		90,551		183,754		2,400,326	
8 States :		63,243		63,324		126,567		2,097,268

^{1/} Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.



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In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port-land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) 80-110#								
Prime	Feb. 3, 1962	18.22	17.35	17.40	--	17.80	18.12	18.25
	Feb. 4, 1961	18.20	--	17.70	--	--	18.00	--
Choice	Feb. 3, 1962	17.78	16.82	16.75	16.00	16.92	17.38	18.25
	Feb. 4, 1961	17.52	17.45	16.80	16.60	17.52	17.25	17.68
Good	Feb. 3, 1962	16.25	15.78	15.95	14.72	15.88	16.25	17.75
	Feb. 4, 1961	16.08	16.45	16.05	16.25	16.62	16.50	17.25
EWES: (Wooled) 90-150#								
Good	Feb. 3, 1962	5.75	5.62	5.85	7.62	7.25	5.75	4.75
Gd. & Choice	Feb. 4, 1961	5.90	5.88	7.00	--	6.58	4.50	4.50
Utility	Feb. 3, 1962	5.75	5.62	5.20	6.80	6.75	5.00	4.50
Cull & Util.	Feb. 4, 1961	5.65	5.25	6.00	7.55*	5.12	3.25	3.50
Cull	Feb. 3, 1962	5.50	4.00	4.10	--	5.62	4.75	3.50
FEEDER LAMBS: (Wooled) 60-80#								
Fancy	Feb. 3, 1962	--	16.00	--	--	16.52	--	16.25
Choice	Feb. 3, 1962	--	15.25	--	14.80	15.75	15.75	15.50
Good & Choice	Feb. 4, 1961	--	16.85	--	15.95	17.12	16.00	16.82
Good	Feb. 3, 1962	--	13.25	--	13.45	14.50	14.25	13.25

*Shorn basis.